

19th after Pentecost

October 19, 2025



St. John's United Church of The United Church of Canada

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Office Hours: M-F, 9am–1pm

A warm welcome is extended to all.

Nursery service for infants and toddlers is available in the nursery on the second floor.

If you are a parent or caregiver, there is a kitchen and washrooms on the main and upstairs levels, as well as a diaper changing area upstairs.

Please feel free to return to the service at any time.

*The congregation is invited to join in responses printed in **bold**. Stand as you are able.)*

PRELUDE **ALLE MENSCHEN MÜSSEN STERBEN**

(Music: J.S. Bach)

DOXOLOGY (541 VU)

(OLD 100TH) (Thomas Ken, Genevan Psalter)

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION & SERVICE STORY

Read by Dr. Nancy Black

- Supporting a Rights-Based Approach to Growing Food

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 121)

As the sun sets behind the hills,

We celebrate hope in our Creator.

Even as the sun strikes the earth in daytime

We celebrate peace in our Creator.

As we move about this earth from day to day

We celebrate the love of our Creator.

HYMN 559 VU ***COME, O FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING***

(NETTLETON) (Words: Robert Robinson / Music John Wyeth)

Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy One, Holder of our Hearts,

From time to time, we notice our souls are heavy from injustices. From the ways our community members are treated to the lack of compassion towards folks in faraway places, we attempt to embrace hope and often feel defeated. Yet you continue to be the bearer of dreams, God of Love. May we feel your Spirit's peace even when struggles accumulate.

May we be baptized by your glimmers even as we journey through a world filled with ashes.

We pray with the words Jesus taught us, saying, "Our Father...Amen." (960 VU) (A laminated handheld version of The Lord's Prayer can be found in the hymnbook holder in the pew.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God of All,

We often feel deserted by Divine Justice and Peace, especially after absorbing the news each day. We allow ourselves to fully walk away from spreading Good News of your love and grace after feeling the lack of mercy in our world. We would rather be silent in places of comfort instead of shining your light in our pain-present reality. Our hearts can not bear knowing of any further wrongdoings. Open our souls to your healing. Embolden us to be persistent in our quest to do justice and love kindness. May we follow your light when the shadows attempt to swallow our resolve. Amen.

(moment of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

WORDS OF GRACE

Our souls continue to open to the healing and hope of God.
May we embrace the glow of God's grace as we seek ways to care
for our neighbours.

OFFERING

Offering boxes are located inside the Sanctuary at the two main entrances.

OFFERTORY ^(537 VU) **YOUR WORK, O GOD, NEEDS MANY HANDS** (KILMARNOCK) (Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer / Music: Neil Dougall)

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Divine Connector of our Souls,

**With much gratitude, we share our gifts with you
today. We continue to search for your dreams and
fulfill your visions as we create your Realm here on
earth. Energize us to utilize our gifts for the strength
of all humanity. Empower us to share our time,
talents, and treasures as we seek to never lose hope
and heart. Amen.**

HYMN 242 VU **LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING**

(THE ASH GROVE) (Words: Katherine K. Davis / Music: Welsh folk melody)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished, all darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine,
We, too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children up to age 12 yrs. are now invited to go to our Sunday School program time.
If you are a child here for the first time, please feel welcome to join the children's group
upstairs, or remain here for the rest of the service.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read by Gerrie Baycroft

Jeremiah 31:27-34

God's new covenant will be written upon people's hearts.

Psalms 119:97-104, Part 4, p. 840 VU

How I love God's law.

(Music: Thomas Tallis)

*R: Teach me, O God,
the perfect way of your divine commands.*

O how I love your law! It is my study all day long.

**Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies;
for it is always with me.**

I have gained more insight than all my teachers,
for your instruction is my study,

**I have more understanding than the aged,
for I keep your commandments. R**

I have held my feet back from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

**I have not swerved from your judgments,
for you, yourself, have taught me.**

How sweet is your word on my tongue,
sweeter than honey in my mouth!

**Through your commandments I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way. R**

Luke 18:1-8

The parable of the widow and the unjust judge.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 120 MV

MY SOUL CRIES OUT

(STAR OF COUNTY DOWN (KINGSFOLD))

(Words: Rory Cooney / Music: traditional melody, Ireland; arr. Rory Cooney)

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!*

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *R*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *R*

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise that holds us bound,
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *R*

SERMON

ANTHEM *COME TO US, LORD JESUS* (Words / Music: Paul K. McKay)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(We pray for Upsalquitch Pastoral Charge)

HYMN 633 VU *BLESS NOW, O GOD, THE JOURNEY*
(THORNBURY) (Words: Sylvia Dunstan / Music: Basil Harwood)

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors,
whose love sustains the day.

We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine eternal Lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

BENEDICTION

May the God of Hope stir us to awaken to Divine dreams.
May the Christ of Light embolden us to use our voices.
May the Spirit of Peace fill us
with the resolve to transform our world.
With help from the Holy One, we will never lose heart!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG POSTLUDE

GO NOW IN PEACE (Words: Don Besig, Nancy Price / Music: Don Besig)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*(This is great opportunity to welcome new members
to our church and get to know one another.)*

POSTLUDE

During the postlude the congregation is welcome to depart.

Not to Lose Heart: Service Prayers for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, an ordained UCC minister in Belleville, Illinois.

***You are invited to join us in the Owen Fraser Hall
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.***



*The bulletin and pastoral letter are dedicated
in Loving Memory of
Bob Anderson
by Barb, Nancy and Heather and families*

MEMORIAL

*Donations have been made to
St. John's United Church in loving memory of*

Necia Livingstone
*(mother of Joan Doyle)
by Joan & Kevin Doyle*

Alberta MacLellan
*(wife of the late Dr. Donald MacLellan)
by Claire MacNevin*

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Check our website at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca
for **Sunday online Worship links**, calendar, and more.

Oct. 19	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School
Oct. 20	Mon.		Deadline to submit names for All Saints Sunday (see note)
Oct. 20	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Oct. 21	Tues.	2:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care & Membership Committee (Owen Fraser Hall)
Oct. 21	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Finance & Property Management Committee (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Oct. 22	Wed.	6:15 p.m.	Sparks, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Oct. 22	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Choir – moved from Oct. 23 (weekly-Choir Loft/Fellowship Room)
Oct. 22	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Christian Development Committee
Oct. 23	Thur.	6:00 p.m.	6:30pm Choir Louisbourg Rehearsal
Oct. 23	Thur.	7:15 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)
Oct. 26	Sun.	11:00 a.m.  All Saints Sunday	WORSHIP and Sunday School - All Saints Sunday (see note) - Grocery Sunday (see note) 
Oct. 26	Sun.	1:30 p.m.	3:30pm Choir Louisbourg Concert
Oct. 27	Mon.	2:00 p.m.	UCW (monthly-Fellowship Room)
Oct. 28	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Oct. 31	Fri.	1:00 p.m.	Set up for Indoor Yard Sale
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Nov. 1	Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Fall Indoor Yard Sale (see note) (Social Hall) 
Nov. 1	Sat.	12:30 p.m.	Singing with the Saints at Aberdeen Park (see note)
Nov. 2	Sun.	2:00 a.m.	 Turn your clocks back on Saturday night.
Nov. 2	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School
Nov. 12	Wed.		Deadline to order baked beans and brown bread (see note/order form)

Nov. 14	Fri.	1:00 p.m.	Set up for Bazaar & Coffee Party If you are available to help, please advise Brenda McFarlane (Social Hall)
Nov. 15	Sat.	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Party (see note) (Social Hall) 

Announcements from other United Churches, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region 14 and the community are shown on the TV in the Owen Fraser Hall and also located on the bulletin boards located at the Alma St. entrance and outside the Church Office.

SOBEYS & SUPERSTORE GIFT CARDS are sold each Sunday in the Sanctuary before and after Worship and at the Church Office M-F, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



We make 4% on every card sold. Your support is needed and appreciated.

WELCOME!

We would like to warmly welcome any new faces to our church family today! Please feel free to introduce yourself to a fellow member or reach out to our minister if you have any questions. We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship. Fill in the “welcome” envelope located on the table at our two main entrances and place in the offering box (no money required) or email the church office at stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com to let us know you are worshipping with us.



September 2025 GIVINGS			
Local Offering - Env	\$ 9,803.12	Local Offering - PAR	\$ 5,798.87
Mission & Service – Env	\$ 894.00	Mission & Service - PAR	\$ 795.46
Plate Loose	\$ 162.26	Memorial Donations	\$ 410.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	\$ 250.00	Grocery Card Revenue	\$ 31.00
Revenues Year-to-Date:	\$ 251,674.43*	Expenses Year-to-Date:	\$ 214,103.23
Mission & Service Year-to-Date:	\$ 15,127.64	Mission & Service 2025 Goal	\$ 18,000.00

*includes \$ 73,927.47 in grant monies

Thank you for your generous and continued support!

DELIVERERS NEEDED

We need help to drop off envelopes to shut-in on a weekly/bi-weekly basis. The areas are: Argyle St., Cambridge Place, Shannex-Gordon Hall, Moncton Residence, Hennessey Rd., The Briarlea and McNair Manor. If you can help, contact the church office.



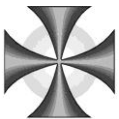
Saturday, November 1
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Social Hall – use Karing Kitchen entrance)

You'll find clothing, books, toys, linens, household goods, and many more items for sale.

You Don't Want To Miss It!

We welcome your donations of 'slightly used' clothing, books, household items, etc., in good, saleable condition, for this UCW fundraiser. Please bring your donations to the Church before the sale (Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm), but no later than noon on Thursday, Oct. 30. If you can help set up for the sale, please come to the Social Hall on Friday, **Oct. 31** at 1:00 pm. We also need volunteers to pack up on Sunday after church on **Nov. 2** and on Monday morning, **Nov. 3** at 9:30 a.m.



*All Saints
Sunday*

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY will be held on **Oct. 26**. Names of friends and family who died during the past year will be read during the service. We will be going through our Burial Register for some of these names; however, we appreciate that there are people you have loved and lost this past year whom you would like remembered, whether or not members of St. John's. If you would like to have someone's name read on All Saints Sunday during the service, please email Karen at stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com or call 506-858-8289 by **Oct. 20**.

GROCERY SUNDAY FOR KARING KITCHEN

(Oct. 26 – last Sunday of the month)

The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: cornstarch, can milk, alfredo sauce and honey-garlic sauce. *White baskets will be at the main entrance for your donations.* Thank you.



Come sing with the Saints at Aberdeen Park in Moncton on All Saints' Day, **November 1st** from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

This free, ecumenical, Christian gathering is open to everyone. We will gather outdoors, together, for an old-fashioned hymn sing; so dress warm! If you wish, bring a lawn chair, and don't forget your singing voice! A children's focus is set for 1:30 pm with children's songs and a simple craft. Looking forward to seeing you there!

IT'S BEANS AND BROWN BREAD TIME AGAIN!

Use the form in your pastoral letter or blue form located at church main entrances. Place the form in the offering plate or give to one of the UCW ladies or contact: Brenda McFarlane 506-852-3550, Phyllis Perry 506-852-4761 or Church Office 506-858-8289 / stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com.



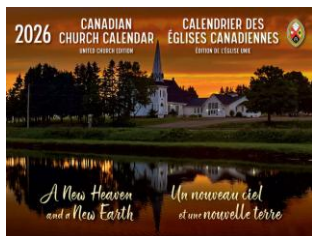
Prices are: ½ litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$7.00

1 litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$10.00

Deadline for orders is Wed., Nov. 12.

Pick up is Sat., Nov. 15 between 9:30am-12 noon.

If you are able to help us by making a pot of beans, please contact Brenda McFarlane or Phyllis Perry.



2026 CHURCH CALENDAR:

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Celebrate United Churches across Canada! Focusing on the theme of A New Heaven and a New Earth this bilingual calendar features colourful photos from communities of faith across the country

plus all the special days, church seasons, and lectionary dates.

The Church Office is taking orders for this calendar. Cost is \$9.50 (tax included). If you are interested in ordering one or more, sign the order sheet located at the main entrances or contact the Church Office. Payment may be made by mail (mail slot on door), e-transfer or included in your offering envelope (on bottom line titled, “Other” - note “2026 Calendar”).

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and COFFEE PARTY on Saturday, November 15, 9:30 a.m. -12 noon featuring our bake table including fudge, pickles, jams and jellies, along with the beans and brown bread and the ever popular “new to you” treasures.



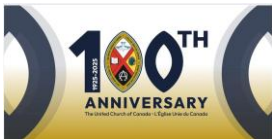
(Social Hall – use Karing Kitchen entrance)

If you have donations, please drop them at the Church.

Pick up your beans and brown bread orders and plan to attend the **Coffee Party** with tea, coffee and muffins. Freewill offering.

We will need lots of **help on Bazaar day**, so if you are available to help, please advise Brenda McFarlane.

100th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL FUNDRAISER



As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada, we invite you to take part in a special fundraiser — a meaningful opportunity to honour or remember someone who has shaped your faith journey. Special recognition will be held on **Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 23**, to celebrate these lives. Forms are located at the Church main entrances and in our Facebook files.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP, PROFESSION OF FAITH AND CONFIRMATION

The Pastoral Care & Membership Committee, as part of their mandate, is to seek those congregants who wish to transfer their church membership or become a member of to St. John's. This requires a phone call or email to Karen at the Church Office (506-858-8289 or stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com). In case of transfer, we will contact your former church. We will receive new members on **Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 23**.

STEWARDSHIP SECOND – God asks us over and over again to listen to the people asking us for help, and to respond in faith and gratitude for what we have been given.

ST. JOHN’S UNITED CHURCH CARES... To notify the Minister of personal concerns, anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths, or to pass along a prayer request, contact Rev. Aaron Billard at 506-858-8289 or sjucrev@gmail.com

<u>Greeters & Offering</u>	
<i>South Door – Alma St</i> Molly Chase and Amy Chase	<i>North Door – Victoria St.</i> Judy Chase



World Food Sunday

CHURCH MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND STAFF



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Music Director



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Supper's Ready
Homemade
BAKED BEANS & BROWN
BREAD

Prices are:

½ litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$7.00

1 litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$10.00

Place your order by one of these methods:

- a) Return the form below in the offering plate
- b) Give it to one of the UCW ladies
- c) Call: Brenda McFarlane at 506-852-3550
or Phyllis Perry at 506-852-4761
or the Church Office at 506-858-8289 or
stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com

Deadline for orders is Wed., Nov. 12

Your order must be **picked up** at the
UCW Bazaar on Sat., **Nov. 15**
between 9:30am-12 noon at 75 Alma St.

HOMEMADE
BAKED BEANS & BREAD

Please prepare for me:

___ (qty) ½ litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$7.00

___ (qty) 1 litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$10.00

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I will pick my order up at the
UCW Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 15
between 9:30am-12 noon at 75 Alma St.